

Barton (TX) Goode Neugebauer
 Beauprez Goodlatte Northup
 Blackburn Granger Norwood
 Blunt Graves Nunes
 Boehner Green (WI) Osborne
 Bonilla Gutknecht Otter
 Bonner Harris Oxley
 Boozman Hastings (WA) Pearce
 Brady (TX) Hayworth Pence
 Brown (SC) Hefley Peterson (PA)
 Brown-Waite, Hensarling Petri
 Ginny Herger Pickering
 Burgess Hobson Pitts
 Burton (IN) Hoekstra Price (GA)
 Calvert Hulshof Putnam
 Camp (MI) Hunter Radanovich
 Campbell (CA) Hyde Reynolds
 Cannon Inglis (SC) Rogers (AL)
 Cantor Istook Rogers (KY)
 Carter Jindal Rogers (MI)
 Castle Johnson (CT) Rohrabacher
 Chabot Johnson, Sam Ros-Lehtinen
 Chocola Keller Royce
 Coble Kennedy (MN) Ryan (WI)
 Conaway King (IA) Ryan (KS)
 Crenshaw Kingston Schmidt
 Cubin Knollenberg Sensenbrenner
 Culberson Kolbe Sessions
 Deal (GA) LaHood Shadegg
 DeLay Latham Shaw
 Diaz-Balart, M. Leach Simpson
 Doolittle Lewis (CA) Smith (TX)
 Drake Linder Sodrel
 Dreier Lucas Souder
 Duncan Lungren, Daniel Stearns
 Ehlers E. Sullivan
 Everett Mack Tancredo
 Feeney Marchant Terry
 Flake McCrery Thomas
 Forbes McHenry Thornberry
 Fortenberry McKeon Turner
 Foxx McMorris Upton
 Franks (AZ) Mica Walden (OR)
 Frelinghuysen Miller (FL) Wamp
 Gallegly Miller (MI) Weldon (FL)
 Garrett (NJ) Miller, Gary Wicker
 Gillmor Musgrave Wilson (SC)
 Gingrey Myrick

NOT VOTING—13

Bishop (NY) Gohmert Regula
 Bono Lantos Reyes
 Filner Manzullo Slaughter
 Ford Nussle
 Gibbons Oberstar

□ 1907

Mr. HUNTER changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 233, final passage of H.R. 5449, I was in my Congressional District on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

MINE IMPROVEMENT AND NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT OF 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 2803.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. McKEON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2803, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 381, nays 37, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 234]
 YEAS—381
 Abercrombie Dingell Kingston
 Aderholt Doolittle Kirk
 Akin Doyle Kline
 Alexander Drake Knollenberg
 Allen Dreier Kolbe
 Baca Duncan Kuhl (NY)
 Bachus Edwards LaHood
 Baird Ehlers Langevin
 Baker Emerson Larsen (WA)
 Baldwin Engel Larson (CT)
 Barrett (SC) English (PA) Latham
 Barrow Etheridge LaTourette
 Bartlett (MD) Evans Leach
 Barton (TX) Everett Levin
 Bass Fattah Lewis (CA)
 Bean Feeney Lewis (KY)
 Beauprez Ferguson Linder
 Becerra Fitzpatrick (PA) Lipinski
 Berkley Foley LoBiondo
 Berry Forbes Lowey
 Biggert Fortenberry Lucas
 Bilirakis Engel Fossella
 Bishop (GA) Fossella Lungren, Daniel
 Bishop (UT) Frank (MA) E.
 Blackburn Franks (AZ) Lynch
 Blunt Frelinghuysen Maloney
 Boehlert Gallegly Marchant
 Boehner Garrett (NJ) Markey
 Bonilla Gerlach Marshall
 Bonner Gilchrest Matheson
 Boozman Gillmor McCarthy
 Boren Gingrey McCaul (TX)
 Boswell Gonzalez McCrery
 Boucher Gooch McGovern
 Boustany Goodlatte McHenry
 Boyd Gordon McHugh
 Bradley (NH) Granger McIntyre
 Brady (PA) Graves McKeon
 Brady (TX) Green (WI) McKinney
 Brown (OH) Green, Al McMorris
 Brown (SC) Green, Gene McNulty
 Brown, Corrine Grijalva Meehan
 Brown-Waite, Gutierrez Meek (FL)
 Ginny Gutknecht Meeks (NY)
 Burgess Hall Melancon
 Burton (IN) Harman Mica
 Buyer Harris Michaud
 Calvert Hart Millender-
 Camp (MI) Hastings (FL) McDonald
 Campbell (CA) Hastings (WA) Miller (FL)
 Cannon Hayes Miller (MI)
 Cantor Hayworth Miller (NC)
 Capito Hefley Miller, Gary
 Capuano Hensarling Mollohan
 Cardin Herger Moore (KS)
 Cardoza Herseth Moran (KS)
 Carnahan Higgins Moran (VA)
 Carson Hinchey Murphy
 Carter Hinojosa Murtha
 Case Hobson Musgrave
 Castle Hoekstra Myrick
 Chabot Holden Nadler
 Chandler Holt Napolitano
 Clay Hoooley Neal (MA)
 Cleaver Hostettler Neugebauer
 Clyburn Hoyer Ney
 Coble Hulshof Northup
 Cole (OK) Hunter Norwood
 Conaway Hyde Nunes
 Cooper Inslee Oboe
 Costa Israel Oliver
 Costello Issa Ortiz
 Cramer Istook Osborne
 Crenshaw Jackson (IL) Otter
 Crowley Jackson-Lee Owens
 Cubin (TX) Oxley
 Cuellar Jefferson Pallone
 Culberson Jenkins Pascarell
 Cummings Jindal Pastor
 Davis (AL) Johnson (CT) Payne
 Davis (FL) Johnson (IL) Pearce
 Davis (IL) Johnson, E. B. Pence
 Davis (KY) Johnson, Sam Peterson (MN)
 Davis (TN) Jones (NC) Peterson (PA)
 Davis, Jo Ann Jones (OH) Petri
 Davis, Tom Kanjorski Pickering
 Deal (GA) Kaptur Pitts
 DeFazio Keller Platts
 DeGette Kelly Pomo
 Delahunt Kennedy (MN) Pomeroy
 DeLauro Kennedy (RI) Porter
 DeLay Kildee Price (GA)
 Dent Kilpatrick (MI) Price (NC)
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kind Pryce (OH)
 Diaz-Balart, M. King (IA) Putnam
 Dicks King (NY) Radanovich

Rahall Sessions Tierney
 Ramstad Shadegg Towns
 Rangel Shaw Turner
 Regula Shays Udall (CO)
 Rehberg Sherman Udall (NM)
 Reichert Sherwood Upton
 Renzi Shimkus Van Hollen
 Reynolds Shuster Visclosky
 Rogers (AL) Simmons Walden (OR)
 Rogers (KY) Simpson Walsh
 Rogers (MI) Skelton Wamp
 Rohrabacher Smith (NJ) Wasserman
 Ros-Lehtinen Smith (TX) Schultz
 Ross Smith (WA) Waters
 Rothman Snyder Watson
 Roybal-Allard Sodrel Watt
 Royce Souder Waxman
 Ruppersberger Spratt Weiner
 Ryan (OH) Stearns Weldon (FL)
 Ryan (WI) Strickland Weldon (PA)
 Ryun (KS) Stupak Weller
 Sabo Sullivan Westmoreland
 Salazar Sweeney Wexler
 Sanders Tancredo Whitfield
 Saxton Tanner Wicker
 Schakowsky Taylor (MS) Wilson (NM)
 Schmidt Taylor (NC) Wilson (SC)
 Schwartz (PA) Terry Wolf
 Schwarz (MI) Thomas Wu
 Scott (GA) Thompson (MS) Wynn
 Scott (VA) Thornberry Young (AK)
 Sensenbrenner Tiahrt Young (FL)
 Serrano Tiberi

NAYS—37

Ackerman Honda Poe
 Andrews Ingalls (SC) Rush
 Berman Kucinich Sanchez, Linda
 Blumenauer Lee T.
 Butterfield Lewis (GA) Sanchez, Loretta
 Capps Lofgren, Zoe Schiff
 Conyers Matsui Solis
 Davis (CA) McCollum (MN) Stark
 Doggett McDermott Tauscher
 Emanuel Miller, George Thompson (CA)
 Eshoo Moore (WI) Velázquez
 Farr Paul Velázquez
 Flake Pelosi Woolsey

NOT VOTING—14

Bishop (NY) Gibbons Nussle
 Bono Gohmert Oberstar
 Chocola Lantos Reyes
 Filner Mack Slaughter
 Ford Manzullo

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1914

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 234, final passage of S. 2803, I was in my Congressional District on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

□ 1915

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the United States Senate is going to likely pass, or at least try to pass, tax legislation to give tax cuts to 800 families in Ohio. Recently, this Congress voted or the Senate voted to cut a college tax credit that would affect 100,000 families in Ohio.

This place is about choices. Give a tax cut to the wealthiest 800 families in Ohio and, in order to pay for that, you eliminate a tax credit for 100,000 working, middle-class families to send their kids to college.

That tells you a whole lot about family values. It tells you that this Congress has betrayed our values by helping the wealthiest taxpayers at the expense of middle-class, working families who simply want the opportunity to send their children to college to reach the American dream.

MOVING THE ECONOMY

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, in 2003, our country was in a very tough recession. George Bush took a bold step to reduce taxes. Now, the Democrats did not like to have tax cuts, because they like to spend your money, because they actually believe that the wisdom in Washington is better than the wisdom on Main Street, America. But as a result of tax reduction, we now have five million new jobs since 2003 that have been created.

The unemployment rate is at 4.6 percent, 4.6 percent. That is lower than the unemployment rate was on average in the 1990s, the 1980s, the 1970s, and the 1960s. Sixty-nine percent of Americans own their own house now. It is a historic high not just for the United States of America, but for any country. Fifty-two percent of Americans are invested in the stock market, creating wealth for their themselves. The interest rates are down and the mortgage rates have remained competitive.

The economy is moving because of Bush economic policies. The last thing we need to do right now is increase taxes and throw these great economic policies out the door.

RECOGNIZING MORGAN D. SWEERE

(Mr. SNYDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, the winner in my district of "What Rosa Parks Means To Me" essay contest at the elementary school level was Morgan Sweere in the fourth grade, age 9, at Ida Burns Elementary School in Conway, Arkansas. This is her essay:

"Rosa Parks means incredible courage to me. She had the courage to stay in her seat even though society demanded that she give it up to a white person. She was tired and worn out from working. She also knew the consequences of her actions, but she refused to give up her seat on the bus. I can't even imagine the taunts, rude comments, and hostile behavior that she had to go through. She had the courage to stand up to society and the discrimination that was against her.

She knew and felt that her having to give up her seat was wrong, and she made a decision that changed her life and the world. Her one decision made the fight for equal rights more powerful. She had the courage to make that decision and then face the consequences for making that decision even though it made her life very hard.

"Courage is a hard thing to teach. You may think that you have courage only to realize you don't when faced with a tough situation or a situation that goes against your family and friends. Courage means taking a stand and treating people fairly no matter how they are different from you. Courage means standing up for your beliefs."

Mr. Speaker, that is the winner of the "What Rosa Parks Means To Me" essay contest at the elementary school level, Morgan Sweere from Ida Burns Elementary School in Conway, Arkansas.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5230

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask to have my name removed from H.R. 5230.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FORTENBERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

SAVINGS GROW WITH SIMPLIFIED USA TAX

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ENGLISH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I recently introduced a new version of legislation that I have introduced in the past, the Simplified USA Tax, or SUSAT, which reforms individual and business taxation while promoting economic growth, investment and personal savings, all tenets of a strong and sustainable economy.

Tonight I would like to focus my remarks on a critical component of SUSAT, which in my view provides a powerful antidote to the national savings crisis that we are combating today.

Mr. Speaker, clearly our Tax Code is too complicated, and it is riddled with obvious inequities. Its current structure punishes savings and investment, which reduces economic and job growth and burdens domestic industry struggling to remain competitive. If Congress is going to succeed in reforming the American tax system, and I believe we must, we need to create a stable

Tax Code that gives Americans a fair opportunity to save part of their earnings.

Thrift has helped provide Americans the security and independence that are the foundation of freedom. Savings buys tools to make Americans more productive. Productivity raises our living standards to the highest in the world. But in recent years America has gone into debt, and it seems like we have stopped saving altogether.

In 2005, stunningly, our national savings rate was in the negative for the first time since the Great Depression. America is facing a quiet crisis, the fact that our economy is now more dependent on foreign capital than on foreign oil.

As you can see in this chart, whether Americans save or not simply does not affect them personally; it impacts on our national economy. As the savings rate has declined, our trade deficit has gone further into the red. Apart from the short-term market gains in the late 1990s, the trade deficit has closely tracked the savings rate. Taking the punitive taxes off of savings and encouraging the practice must be an essential element of reforming the Tax Code because it not only translates into personal savings for working families, but it also has a job creating progrowth macroeconomic impact.

In my tax reform proposal everyone is allowed an unlimited Roth-like savings account in which they can put a portion of each year's income they save after paying taxes and living expenses; and after 5 years all money in the account can be withdrawn for any purpose and all withdrawals, including accumulated interest and other earnings or principal are tax free. Nothing can be simpler and nothing can give the people a better opportunity to save.

While Congress has taken some powerful measures in the past few years to improve the Tax Code, particularly for individual taxpayers, clearly we need to do more. We need fundamental tax reform. For too long the Tax Code has been a needless drag on the economy. That is bad public policy and certainly not fair to Americans whose living standards are lower because of it. It is time that we made some fundamental changes.

I firmly believe that faster economic growth must be the key goal of tax reform, and encouraging Americans to save is one way of achieving that goal. Roth IRAs have a proven track record of increasing savings, and removing red tape, and expanding their impact will go the distance in altering the course of our national savings rate. SUSAT has the potential to serve as part of the groundwork for this kind of reform and ensure that Americans can keep more of their hardworking tax dollars, establish financial security, and invest in their future.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. PELOSI) is recognized for 5 minutes.